



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 15, 2005

### **S. 268**

### **Training for Realtime Writers Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
on March 10, 2005*

#### **SUMMARY**

CBO estimates that implementing S. 268 would cost \$67 million over the next five years, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. The funds would be used by the Department of Commerce to provide grants to entities that train court reporters, including court reporters who have completed training programs for realtime writers. The grants would be used to promote training and job placement for such individuals.

Enacting this bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 268 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA); any costs to state, local, or tribal governments would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 268 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that \$20 million authorized to be appropriated for each of 2006 through 2009 will be appropriated for each fiscal year and that outlays will follow historical trends for similar programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level	0	20	20	20	20	0
Estimated Outlays	0	2	11	16	20	18

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

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